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SUBJECT: UNHCR INVESTIGATION OF NOMAD REFUGEES

REF: DAKAR 1594

1. NIGER GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED AND HAS TRIED TO PROVIDE FOR OVER 50,000 MALIEN REFUGEES DESPITE THE OVERWHELMING BURDENS IMPOSED BY ITS OWN DESTITUTE NOMAD POPULATION. NIGER WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO BE RID OF THE MALIENS AND HAS ENCOURAGED MALI GOVERNMENT TO REPATRIATE THEM. AFTER SEVERAL ATTEMPTS BY MALI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO DO SO, HOWEVER, EFFORTS WERE ABANDONED AS UNPRODUCTIVE SINCE MALIENS REFUSED RETURN.

2. WE HAVE INDICATIONS GON IS CURRENTLY LOOKING WITH SOME FAVOR UPON UNHCR AS A POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO PROBLEM. UP TO NOW GON HAS BEEN CIRCUMSPECT IN DISCUSSING REFUGEES, SINCE GON DID NOT WISH DRAW FURTHER ATTENTION TO FACT NOMADS NOT ONLY FLED FROM MALI BUT DO NOT WISH GO BACK. IF NIGERIENS HOWEVER GET WORD THAT MALI GOVERNMENT INSINUATING (EVEN AS FACE-SAVING DEVICE) THAT NIGER DETAINING REFUGEES

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AGAINST THEIR WILL (REFTTEL), THERE LIKELY BE STRONG REACTION.

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